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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(for Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995))

Attorney Docket No.: F7483(V)
Applicant: Blonk et al.
Serial No.: 09/889,977
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For: Quick Cooking Rice and Process to Make
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Class Art Unit: 1761
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114****a. ☒ Previously submitted**

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 20, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations
- iv. ☐ Other

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)		(Column 2)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
TYPE	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$	OR		\$
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))					OR		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))					OR		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))					OR		
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			TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

AMENDMENT A	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus				OR		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus				OR		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						OR		
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT B	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus				OR		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus				OR		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						OR		
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus				OR		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus				OR		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						OR		
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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